

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Lewis R6307

PA [sic: DE]

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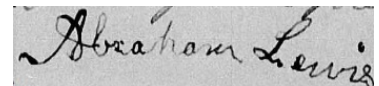
State of Virginia } Ss

County of Randolph }

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Day or of April 1833 personally appeared before me John HARRAS one of the commonwealth justices of the peace in and for the County of Randolph and state aforesaid Abraham Lewis aged seventy five years who being first Duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 That He entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He entered the service on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1777 under Captain Emanuel Grub [Emanuel Grubb?] and served until the first Day of November 1781 being four years four months and Twelve days that he was a Musitioner a fifer for the Company to which he belonged That during his services he was in an engagement fought by General [William] Maxwell at Iron Hill where they were defeated and forced to retreat [Battle of Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777]; which they did across White Clay creek with considerable loss This He thinks took place about the 4 or 5<sup>th</sup> of september 1777 and about the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> of the same month they fought at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]; where after a days Hard fighting they were again forced to retreat which they Did to Chester; and there the Company commanded by said Grub was discharged from said Army and went to where they had been before these engagements scouting about the Delaware River to prevent the Enemy from Plundering there and to check the Tories and keep them from furnishing the British with Provisions &c That a short Time after the Battles of Iron Hill and Brandywine Captain Grubs health became bad and he resigned his office as Captain and Lieutenant Thomas Bird was appointed Captain of said Company in his room who remained to be the Captain during the service That during this time of service He assisted in hanging six Tories two at one time and 4 at another and let two off by their taking five hundred Lashes well Laid on and offering to serve in said company so long as its services should be required; The Tories that was Executed was left hanging on trees on the Bank of the Delaware River not far above Wilmington Their names he has forgotten The reason they dealt so harsh with them they were caught furnishing the Enemy with fresh Provisions one of those Tories who was whipped was by the name of Iseral Rumbow [Israel Rumbow?] the others name he has forgotten This declarant further states that Captain Grubb was Pertickler fond of a March Called Stones Grinds all [sic: "Stone Grinds All"] The tune frequently strikes his mind yet when sitting in his Lonsom Cabban unable to travel about and reminds him of Old Langsine [sic: Auld Lang Syne] the Company to which this declarant belonged was Volunteers and had formed its self for the special purpose of Protecting the inhabitation on the Delaware from the ravages of the British and Tories That they scouted about and never were incamped more than a week at one Place unless when they were joined to the main Army which they always did when a Battle was expected in the country near about where they were reconnoitering This declarant resided in New Castal County Brandy Wine Hundreds in the state of Pennsylvania [sic: New Castle County, Brandywine Hundred, DE] when he entered the Army: He does not recollect of getting a written discharge from the Army nor has he any documentary Evidence nor he knows of no one living by which he could Prove his services He being seldom in Company with officer except those of his company he knows none they never being long stationed with any of the regular officer of the Army after the Battle of Brandy Wine this declarant states that his Company was sent back from whence they had come he further states that when they got home they were let on furlow for two Days to go where and do as they pleased,

He Hereby relinquishes every Claim whatsoever to a Pension or annuity except the Present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state Sworn and Subscribed the Day and year aforesaid



[Certified by Simeon Harris (pension application S15871) and Solomon Wyatt.]

And the Interrogatories prescribed by the war department being then propounded to the applicant was answered as folowes

To the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> he says he was born in chester county Pennsylvania in the year 1758; His age is written in a Bible which is in his Brother Evin Lewis' Possion who livs in the state of Ohio

To the 3<sup>d</sup> He was living in New castele county when Called into service in Brandywine hundred in the state of Pennsylvania [sic]; He states that since he was discharged from the Army he came To Winchester Fredrick county [sic: Frederick County] Virginia and from there he removed to or within 4 miles of Union Town [Uniontown] Pennsylvania from there he removed to Harrison County Virginia near Prunty Town [Pruntytown, now in Taylor County WV]; from there he moved to the Cows in Randolph County Virginia where he has resided for the last five years and where he now lives

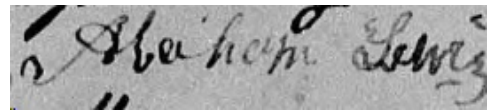
To the 4<sup>th</sup> he dose not recolect how he was got in to the service but thinks that it was a general call for all persons able to bear Arms and all who was not Tories Turned out his Company was called a volunteer Company they were not Drafted

To the 5<sup>th</sup> He never served with any other officer than those who commanded the Company to which he belonged Except at the Battle of Iron Hill & Brandy Wine and Perhaps for 8 or Ten days before; He got aquainted with not of the regular officers of the Army His servises was as a fifeer and the Company was Principelly kept a long the Deleware river, reconitering and checking the Tories & British and never was in any Pertickler ingagements except the Battle of Iron Hill & Brandywine the company never lay at any Place long But was always on the scout he never was dismesed only two Days in all

To the 6<sup>th</sup> (Did you &c) he answer and says he never did reseve a writen discharge as he can recolect but he took the oath of alegiance when he joined the army; But has lost that Certificate

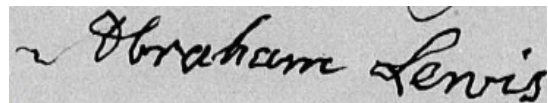
To the 7<sup>th</sup> He states that he is well know in his neighbourhood by the Rev. Simeon Harriss and Col. Solomon Wyatt – and meny others all of whom do believe he has been a revolutionary solder (the 3<sup>d</sup> Day after the Batle of Brandywine he again entred the service) Propounded by me

John Harras JPRC



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Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Abraham Lewis who on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 before John Harras a Justice of the Peace for said County of Randolph made a Declaration in order to obtain a pension under the act of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, who being duly sworn, by way of amendment to his said Declaration states that capt. Grubbs Company in which affiant served belonged to Col. Stephenson's Regiment (his first name he has forgotten). Andrew Waggoner was the major under Col. Stephenson  
[25 Nov 1833]



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. On Lewis's report Singleton wrote "Not Entitled."]

Abraham Lewis – Applicant.

on Nov. 1 1834 this man made the folowing statement, was born in Chester county Pensylvania in 1758, and in the State of Delaware at the commencement of the Rev war, In his seventeenth year of age (cant tell what year) he attached himself to Capt. Manuel Grub's company of minute men, while in

this company it was called down the Delaware River, to prevent the British from Landing – he Lewis was fifer – whenever the company was called on for service himself & the Dummer [sic: drummer] had to turn out –. he continued in this kind of service until he was called out to the Battle of “Iron Hill” Grubs was his captain in that Battle & was defeated. he was gone at this time at least two months. – from the Iron Hill he went to Brandy Wine was in that Battle in which the american army was “baten” “thinks” Washington Commanded – after the Battle was over he was taken off to guard the river, he continued in this kind of service until the close of the War, Capt Byrd was his captain after the Battle of Brandywine, putting all his services together he thinks he was in actual service for eighteen months!!, he was called on at all times after being fifer, was out more than any of his neighbours. George Nester & Wyatt are his agents. they both drew the particulars but did not take down his service.

Abraham Lewis

Note this is a very Improbable Story – and the whole untrue – the opinion of his neighbours is decidedly against him – nothing less than proof could satisfy me of his right W. G Singleton/ Nov. 26 1834